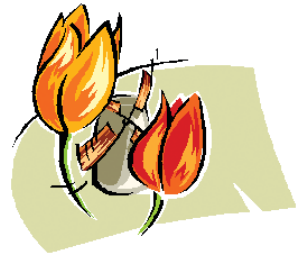




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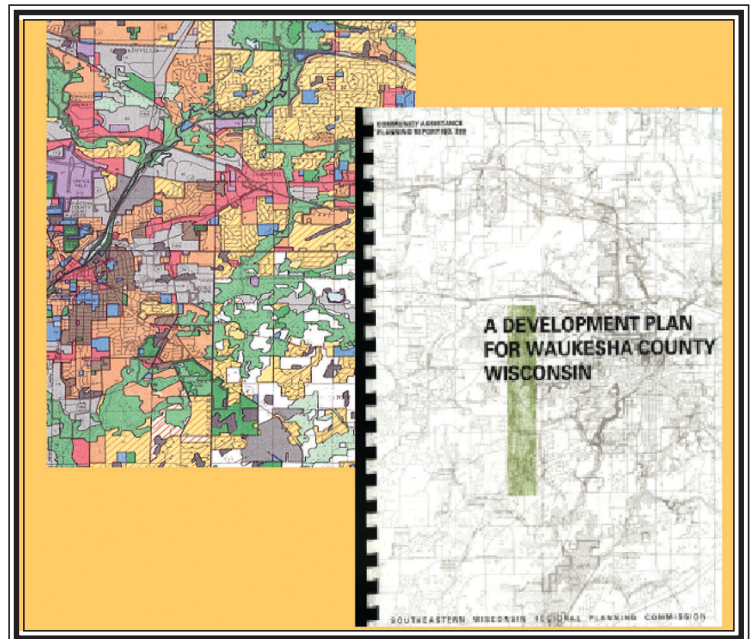
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Cooperative Land Use Planning In Waukesha County

by Dale R. Shaver, Director
Department of Parks & Land Use

A new comprehensive development planning initiative was enacted by the Wisconsin Legislature in 1999. The new requirements, frequently referred to as "Smart Growth", provide a framework for the development, adoption, and implementation of public comprehensive development plans in Wisconsin. The "Smart Growth" law requires that comprehensive plans be completed and adopted by local governing bodies, prior to January 1, 2010.

The Waukesha County Development Plan was adopted by the County Board in 1997. The County Development Plan was a culmination of a nearly 4 year planning process involving extensive inventories and analyses of factors and conditions affecting the physical development of the County. These included inventories and analyses of the demography, economy, housing, natural resources, park and open spaces, land uses, transportation and public utilities, and existing community plans and regulations. Before and since 1997, many of the communities in Waukesha County have undertaken the preparation or updating of development plans, using similar approaches to that used in the preparation of the Waukesha County Development Plan. The Waukesha County Development Plan and the individual community development plans used historic demographic, economic and growth information, including data from the 1990 Census.



The "Smart Growth" law requires that comprehensive plans be completed and adopted by local governing bodies, prior to January 1, 2010.

The "Smart Growth" law, the availability of year 2000 Census data, new municipal boundary agreements, the preparation of a Regional Year 2030/40 Development Plan, and the on-going need to update development plans provide a unique opportunity for the preparation of a coordinated comprehensive development plan for Waukesha County.

The Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) and Waukesha County have pursued signing Cooperative Agreements with each of the 37 municipalities in the County. The Cooperative Agreements are a formal expression of willingness to participate in a coordinated, comprehensive planning effort, one that includes identified roles and responsibilities in the plan-

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The Waukesha County Land Resources Division (LRD) has recently agreed to administer the **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program** or **CREP** for Waukesha County. The CREP program gives landowners an opportunity to voluntarily enroll agricultural lands into conservation practices such as riparian buffers, filter strips, wetland restorations and grassed waterways. Most areas of Waukesha County are potentially eligible to sign up for this program. This program is available to Waukesha County landowners in the form of 15-year agreements or perpetual easements. There is no waiting period for the CREP program; eligibility determinations are made on a first-come, first-served basis.

WHY: Conservation programs such as CREP help to protect Wisconsin's lakes, rivers, streams, and aquatic communities by keeping excessive nutrient levels and soils out of our waterways. The CREP program can enhance wildlife and fisheries habitats, improve water quality, and help keep Waukesha County's natural resources safe.

PARTNERS: The Waukesha County CREP program is formed by partnerships between Waukesha County LRD, the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA) and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP).

ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible for the Waukesha County CREP program, land must have a crop history or meet the qualifications for marginal pastureland. Eligible lands must also fall within 150 feet of a mapped stream or water body. Landowners whose properties fall

into these categories in Waukesha County can expect to receive a general mailing from the county's Land Resources Division with additional information about the program.

PAYMENTS: For enrolling land into the CREP program, the USDA will pay an **annual rental rate**, an **annual incentive payment**, an **annual maintenance payment**, and a **one-time signing incentive payment**. In addition, the State of Wisconsin will give a **one-time rental payment**. The rate at which this payment is calculated depends on whether signing up for a 15-year agreement or a perpetual conservation easement. The federal government also pays **half of the cost of having the eligible practice installed**. Practices eligible for the signing incentive payment are also eligible for a **federal practice incentive payment**. Finally, the State of Wisconsin will pay for **20% of the installation costs** of installing an eligible practice.

PUBLIC ACCESS: Allowing public access is not a requirement for the CREP program.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: For further information about the Waukesha County CREP program, contact the Waukesha County Farm Service Agency at (262) 547-8241 or the Waukesha County Land Resources Division at (262) 896-8307.



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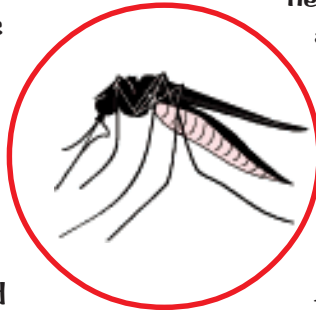
ning effort. Specifically the roles have been developed to designate those planning elements that are of regional or countywide importance and those specific to an individual municipality.

The coordinated comprehensive planning initiative will begin in the spring of 2003. Future issues of the Resource Report will contain progress reports of the planning effort. In addition, status reports will be posted on the Department's web site at www.waukeshacounty.gov/landandparks.

City of Waukesha Receives West Nile Virus Grant

by Steve Korthof, Environmental Health Supervisor

The City of Waukesha, based upon its population as an urban area with more than 60,000 people, has been chosen by the state Division of Public Health, to be the recipient of a Centers for Disease Control (CDC) grant for \$9,761. The grant will be in effect through June 30, 2003, and will be administered by the Department of Parks and Land Use Division of Environmental Health. The grant will be used for mosquito assessment and control services as well as public education to reduce human exposure to mosquito-borne viruses such as West Nile Virus (WNV). Jill Posanski, Humane Animal Specialist, will be the lead person for our WNV educational initiative.



West Nile virus (WNV) was first discovered in a woman from the West Nile District of Uganda in 1937. WNV spread across areas of Africa, Eastern Europe, West Asia, and the Middle East, eventually appearing in the Eastern United States in 1999.

WNV is transmitted through a bite by an infected mosquito and can result in encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain, in infected people and horses. The virus is NOT transmitted from person to person. It is NOT transmitted from birds or other infected animals to people.

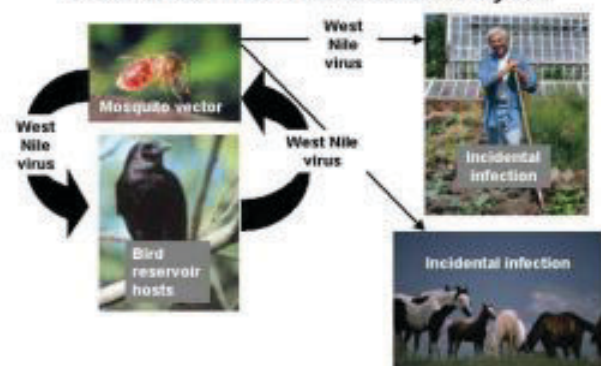
As of the writing of this article, the following municipalities have signed on to the cooperative planning process:

Towns	Villages	Cities
Brookfield	Big Bend	Brookfield
Delafield	Butler	Waukesha
Genesee	Chenequa	
Lisbon	Dousman	
Merton	Elm Grove	
Mukwonago	Hartland	
Oconomowoc	Lac La Belle	
Ottawa	Menomonee Falls	
Summit	Nashotah	
Vernon	Oconomowoc Lake	
Waukesha		

Many people bitten by an infected mosquito will not contract the disease at all. Of those that do become infected, the vast majority will have no symptoms or will experience only a mild illness that may include headache, muscle aches, rash, swollen lymph nodes and fever. In severe cases, symptoms can include confusion, disorientation, seizures, brain swelling and severe muscle weakness or paralysis. Onset of symptoms is usually between 5-15 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito. Any person with symptoms should see a doctor immediately. People who get WNV, even those who are infected but have no symptoms, are probably immune from any future WNV infection.

Because less than 1% of mosquitoes carry the virus, and since less than 1% of persons infected with WNV develop severe illness, the chances of developing severe illness from any one mosquito bite are very, very small.

West Nile Virus Transmission Cycle



From the Desk of County Executive Daniel M. Finley...

Waukesha County has a park system that is second to none in Wisconsin. From exploring the environment at the Retzer Nature Center and swimming at Fox Brook Park to facing the challenge of Naga-Waukeke Golf Course and skating at the Eble Ice Center, we have something to offer to every outdoor enthusiast.

I am pleased to inform you that Fox River Park will be opening this June. Located in the Town of Waukesha, Fox River Park will provide picnic areas, recreation and education trails, canoe access and a boardwalk/overlook of the Fox River. Take time to visit the newest addition to our park system.

We are also launching a new automated golf reservation system for our Waukesha County golf courses. This internet service will make it much easier to reserve a tee time for those who wish to take the challenge of playing Naga-Waukeke, Wanaki, and Moor Downs.

And, as always, an additional \$1 million will be earmarked for the Legacy Parkland Acquisition Fund for continued purchases of parkland and open space. This program has been a tremendous success as we have purchased hundreds of acres of land to develop into parks in the years to come.

I am proud to continue my commitment to provide a quality Waukesha County Park System for our citizens today and for future generations.

DNR Grants Reward Recycling Cooperation

by Karen Fiedler, Solid Waste Supervisor

A new \$1.9 million Wisconsin Recycling Efficiency Incentive (REI) Grant will distribute funds to Responsible Units (RUs) that have demonstrated increased efficiency through cooperation. Available funding will be divided by the total population of all qualified RUs and distributed on a per capita basis. In order to qualify, applicants must be a county or multi-municipal RU or have signed an inter-governmental agreement with another RU for one of the following:

- Collection and transportation of recyclables
- Sorting of recyclables at a MRF
- Comprehensive program planning
- Recycling educational efforts

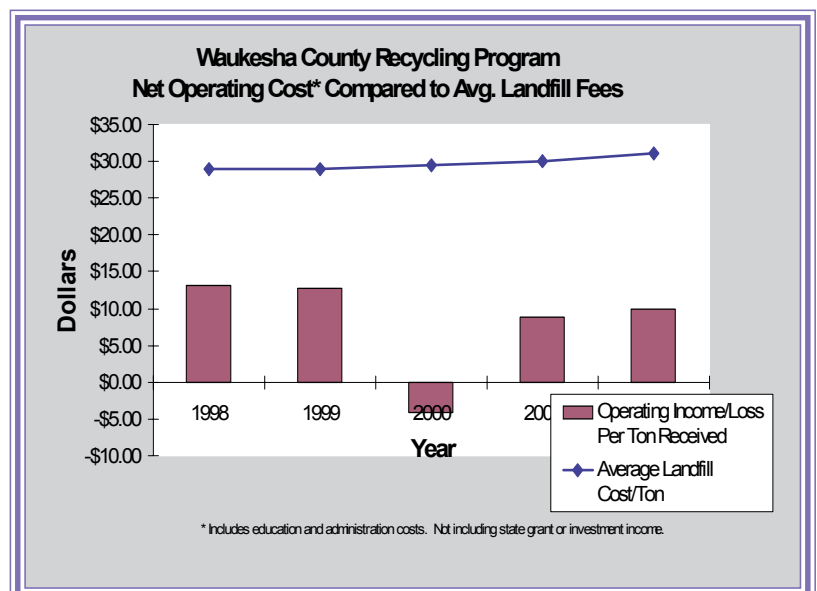
During these times of state and local budget cuts, cooperative efforts can save administrative and operations costs and increase participation.

The county has applied for a REI grant in 2003 to offset municipal tip fees for yard waste delivered to the county compost site by municipalities that are partners in the recycling program.

Recycling Benefits Economy and the Environment

by Karen Fiedler, Solid Waste Supervisor

The county recycling program continues to demonstrate cost-effectiveness, as illustrated in the accompanying chart. The net operating cost of the program has consistently been less than half the per ton landfill cost in the area, even without state grants or investment income. High participation levels and the cooperation of 25 municipalities are key elements. Hauling costs are not included in the comparison since they are assumed to be about the same for trash and recycling.



Give Your Well a Spring Check-Up

by Paul Tellier, Groundwater Coordinator

Look at the well cap. Is it sealed properly? Tug on the cap to make sure it fits tightly to the well casing. Mice and other critters love to make their way into wells through inadequate well seals. If you have a typical overlapping well cap, now would be a good time to have a vermin-proof cap (it looks like a turtle shell) installed.

Are your pump wires sealed properly? If you can see exposed wires entering the well cap, earwigs and other insects can use this pathway to enter your well too. Any exposed wires should be placed in a water-tight conduit and sealed or threaded into the well cap. Sealing the wires with duct tape is not the answer. Call your professional well contractor to have the work done right.

Test your well water. The Waukesha County Environmental Health Division recommends you test your private well water annually. Get your kit today.

Order by calling (262) 896-8300 using a Visa/MasterCard at a cost of \$22.

Mail a check for \$22 payable to the address below:

*Waukesha County
Environmental Health Division
1320 Pewaukee Road, Room 260
Waukesha, WI 53188*

Pick up a kit for \$20, Monday - Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm at the address above.

It's your family's health... what could be more important!

Department Contributes to the Arts

by Leslie Williams, Hazardous Materials Coordinator



Each year at this time the Department of Parks and Land Use participates in the Waukesha County Workplace Giving Campaign for the United Performing Arts Fund and the Waukesha Area Arts Fund. This combined drive supports over 50 arts groups in our area and is the largest united arts fund in terms of number of donors and dollars raised in the nation. The Department of Parks and Land Use has consistently been among the top three departments in the county in giving with a total of \$3,854 in contributions over the last four years. These campaigns have been energized by some pretty interesting challenges offered by our top management. One year when we met our giving goal, Dale Shaver, our director, allowed himself to be bedecked in hats and scarves and serenaded by staff singing a rendition of Mary Wells' "My Guy". Jim Kavemeier, Manager of the Parks System Division, took a pie in the face last year. This year George Morris, Manager of the Environmental Health Division, has offered to "kiss a pig" for the arts. We'll have to see if we meet our goal. Many thanks to all those employees who have contributed over the years to groups that reach the lives of over one million people through performances, school programs and outreach activities. We have a lot of fun and insure that the arts remain a vibrant part of our community.

*"Character cannot
be developed in ease and quiet. Only
through experiences of trial and suffering
can the soul be strengthened, vision
cleared, ambition inspired and
success achieved."*

Author: Helen Adams Keller (1880-1968)

Developers Partner with Planning and Zoning Division to Implement Waukesha County Park and Open Space Plan

by Ginny Clement, Parks Program Coordinator

Waukesha County Parks and Land Use Department is dedicated to fostering the protection, wise use, enhancement, and enjoyment of the County's cultural and natural resources, and the health of its citizens, by working through a combination of recreation, education, public cooperation and regulation. Partnerships with the public are essential for achieving this goal.

Several land developers have embraced the idea of land conservation. By working with the Planning and Zoning Division, a design can be created to coincide with the Park preservation recommendations in the Park and Open Space Plan. Through redesign of a conceptual development plan, the open space may be preserved in exchange for additional density.

Recent local analysis indicates property adjacent to parkland sells at rates of 4% to 33% more. In the same analysis, assessed values of adjacent properties increase up to 35%.

There is also a possibility of a tax-deductible donation to the County for the value of the land.

The most recent donation came from Bielinski Development. This donation of land near the Retzer Nature Center will bring the total acres of the center to well over 400. The Retzer Nature Center would not be possible without the donation of land from Florence Horn-Retzer, who in 1973, bequeathed her

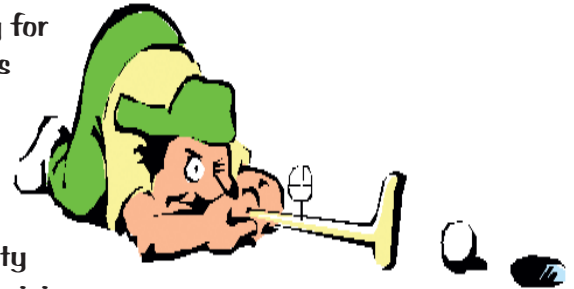
property to Waukesha County for park purposes. Her vision was "to conserve the scenery, natural life and wildlife, leaving the land unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations". Waukesha County has added significant land acquisitions in 1980, 1984 and 2001. Bryce Styza has also been a contributor to the land that makes Retzer what it is today.

Other developers that have contributed greatly to Waukesha County are:

Paul Netzow, Don Belman, Bob Klein, Riverview Knoll, LLC., McMahon Farms, LLC., John Spheeris, Pat Nelson, Gramling Homestead, LLC., Mike Schutte, Bill Patch, Bryce Styza, Howard Swan and Mike Toebs.

Abundant parks, water resources and green spaces in Waukesha County offer residents and visitors recreational opportunities that enhance their quality of life. Few people realize that this legacy of open space is the result of the vision and leadership of these many dedicated individuals. These generous contributions will provide for the preservation of the County's natural beauty for the present and future generations.

If you have questions about the donation of lands, dedications or bequeaths please contact us at 262-548-7801.



Waukesha County Golf Course Internet Tee Time Reservations

by Peter Pulos, Enterprise Operations Manager

The Waukesha County golf courses will offer a new feature for golfers to make tee times over the Internet. The system will make tee times available 10 days in advance rather than the current 7 days in person policy. Four tee times out of eight per hour will be available starting at 7 AM. Both county residents and non-residents can make a tee time using the Internet for any of the three county courses (Moor Downs, Naga-Waukee, or Wanaki).

The golfer will receive automatic e-mail reminders of their tee times along with newsletter updates and specials on green fees or merchandise. Golfers will be able to update their personal profile on-line and register to be eligible for free play, merchandise and prize drawings. For further information visit www.waukeshacounty.gov/parks



Chicago Blackhawks Youth Hockey Camp

by Peter Pulos, Enterprise Operations Manager

Naga-Waukeee Ice Arena will be a host facility for the Chicago Blackhawks Youth Hockey Camp. These camps are led by professional, college and high school hockey coaches. Blackhawks Heroes – men that earned their living in wearing the Blackhawks crest – provide supplemental instruction. The camp

is a spirited program, that believes that children develop most effectively when they are relaxed, focused and having fun.

The program will be a five-day camp Monday to Friday and will teach all hockey playing positions, including goaltenders. The programs develop individual skating, shooting, passing

and team play skills. They also feature plyo-metric strength, fitness, nutrition, self-esteem, video education and sportsmanship lessons. The camp will be held Monday August 11 to Friday, August 15 from 9 am to 4 pm. The cost is \$445 per participant. For further information please contact call 312-226-0002 or visit www.chicagoblackhawks.com

Harley Davidson 100th Anniversary Celebration

by Peter Pulos, Enterprise Operations Manager

A weeklong schedule of events and activities are planned for August 25 – September 1, 2003 in and around the City of Milwaukee to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Harley-Davidson motorcycles. Attendance for the event will exceed the hotel room and housing capacity of the greater Milwaukee area. In order to accommodate some of the participants, a concept was developed during the 95th anniversary in 1998 called the Rider's Ranch. The Target Company from Boston that successfully organized the 95th will also plan the 100th anniversary Rider's Ranch.

The Rider's Ranch is a temporary tent city that can accommodate up to 25, 000 participants. Waukesha County assisted in developing a very detailed plan that outlines all health, safety, environmental, housing and entertainment issues. The economy impact for Waukesha County will be very significant. For further information please visit <http://www.riders-ranch.com/>



Recycling Fast Facts*

% Processed 24,226 tons at the MRF – a 15% increase

% 85,252 households received weekly recycling pickup

% 1,834 people visited the Materials Recycling Facility – a 60% increase

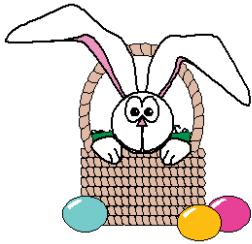
% Waste Reduction Coalition awarded \$9,900 in scholarships

% Serviced 4,540 households at hazardous waste collections sites

% Collected 263 pounds mercury products through DNR grant program

% Residents recycled 52 tons of computers at four collection sites

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